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Astrakhan, Baku, Krasnovodsk, Gurev.

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All these cities have central waterworks, but not
all houses are included in the network. The water is
chlorinated, but since not all of the households are
supplied with water from the central system, water has
to be boiled.

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The patient receives a "hospital card" at his place of employment and is then hospitalized, receiving free medical treatments. However, due to poor care, wrong diet, and frequently erroneous diagnoses, the average citizen tries to avoid hospitalization in the general hospitals. Moreover, he is not always compensated for his sick days,--full compensation is given only to workers who have been employed for a period of eight years. Also, they are not paid promptly. At times weeks or months pass before they receive full or half pay, or at times, none, after the Commission examines and passes on the "hospital card." The procedure for the average citizen in the outpatient clinics is the same. A member of the privileged group receives the physician at his house. He has to pay for the medicines but receives more attention, and the physician fills out the card.

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Up to 1950 penicillin was not widely sold and [redacted] only in the form of a solution. However, belonging to the privileged group, [redacted] able to obtain it quite easily for [redacted]. Other drugs, for example Rivanol, and cotton bandages could not be obtained. The Astrakhan Polyclinic was better than that in Saratov. The doctors were better qualified, and there were fewer patients.

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There was a cholera epidemic in the endemic focus of Krasnovodsk in August 1942. The patients were quarantined in the desert, and there were more than 15,000 deaths by September of that year. There were also rumors of an outbreak of plague in the Kazakhstan Rayon in 1948-1949. There is an antiplague station in Kazakhstan, [redacted] Malaria (tertian) was prevalent in Azerbaijan in 1942.

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8.

Mosquitoes are abundant in the reed marshes of the Volga Delta, south of Astrakhan, and are brought into the city by the river traffic. DDT is very difficult to obtain; Paris green is generally used.

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